I.C.P.O. Bulletin

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I.C.P.O. Bulletin (January 08 - 16, 2009)
"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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05/01/2009: Mike, OM2DX (aka E4/OM2DX, YI9X..etc) is in Hanoi, Vietnam, working for the Embassy of the Slovak Republic and he has obtained a licence (January 5th) with call signs XV9DX and 3W1M. During the next 3 years he will be active on all bands using CW, SSB and Digital modes. QSL via OM3JW. [OM3JW]

08/01/2009: Bernhard, DL2GAC will be active again as H44MS from Honiara, Solomon Islands, (OC-047) between January 8th and April 28th. He works SSB only and plans to focus especially on 40m/80m. He will be joined by the CW op Sigi/DK9FN, and the EME op Hermann/DL2NUD, by the end of February. All three of them are planning also a short trip to Temotu (H40) for two or three weeks. Their flight to Lata, the capital of Temotu, has been booked for March 2nd. Sigi will return to home on March 16th and Hermann on April 9th. [DX Newsletter]

08/01/2009: The Provins ARC, F6KOP will be active as TS7C from the Hotel Cercina, Sidi Fredj, Ile Chergui (WLOTA LH-3459, Kerkennah Islands (AF-073), Tunisia, from January 8-18th. Planned activity will be on all HF bands, using CW, SSB, FM, and several digital modes like RTTY, PSK31, BPSK and also SSTV. The team will pay attention on 160, 80 and 40m, but all the other bands will be worked as well. They also plan to have at least six, but probably seven stations, working 24 hours a day, all with PA's into beams, verticals and wire antennas. Operators mentioned include Frank/F4AJQ, Mustapha/DL1BDF, Bernard/F9IE, Bob/N6OX, Jean-Paul/F8BJI, Sylvain/F4EGD, Flo/F5CWU, Gerard/F2VX, Bill/N2WB, Michel/FM5CD, S?bastien/F5UFX, S?bastien/F8IJV, Jean-Luc/F6BIV, Norbert/F6AXX, Alain/F6ENO, Dieter/OE8KDK, Stefan/OE8SKQ, Mathieu/F5PED, Eric/ON7RN, John/F5VHQ, Romain/F8BUI, Gillares/F1HRE, Franco/F4EVR, Michel/F5EOT, Arno/OE9AMJ, Tony/G0OPB, Gabriele/I2VGW and XYL Anne Marie Laurent (photo reporter). Pilots stations will be Pascal/F5JSD, Serge/F6AML, Thierry/F4TTR and Bruno/F5AGB. QSL via F4EGD, e-mail request or bureau or direct. Logs will be upoaded to LoTW. Further information at: www.ts7c.net/. [F5NQL]

09/01/2009: Look for Niels, OZ8KR to be active as C56KR from Bakuto, The Gambia, between January 9-14th. QRV 40-10m SSB, using FT-857 and wire antennas. After travling in Senegal (no activity planned) he will be active again from January 23rd to February 4th. QSL via home call. [NG3K]

09/01/2009: Adolfo, EA7TV (ARLHS member 1541) will be active 1500z January 9th to 1200z January 11th as ED7TV from the Rota (New) lighthouse (ARLHS SPA-085) and Rota (Old) lighthouse (ARLHS SPA-339). QRV 40 and 20 meters, using SSB and RTTY. QSL via EA7TV, direct or bureau (NO eQSL or LoTW). [ARLHS]

09/01/2009: Cody, KC2LSD (FISTS #11793) will be QRV from Colombia as HK3/KC2LSD from January 9-15th, mainly 2300 UTC on 40, 30 and 20 meter CW, with some day time operation as well. A contact with Cody is good for the FISTS 2009 WARC Band Challenge (Grid Loc. FJ24). He will usually get spotted on the cluster, but this time he will post himself on www.obriensweb.com/sked/. To set up a sked with Cody, send an e-mail to: kc2lsd at yahoo dot com. QSL via home call. [K1XN]

11/01/2009: Jorg, DG1NAU/P will be active January 11, starting around 0900 UTC, from Platte Summit (SOTA reference DM/BM-174, 946m, 10 points). QRV 28.500 MHz SSB for the 10 meter contest. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [SOTA Watch]

12/01/2009: Andrew, G7COD will be operational for the fifth time from the Island of Embudu in the South Male Atoll (WLOTA LH-3911), Maldive Islands (AS-013), using the call 8Q7AK from January 11-27th. Using SSB and CW on the 40 to 10 meter bands including WARC, he will be operational every day from approximately 07:30 to 08:30, 09:00 to 10:30, 13:00 to 1500 and 17:30 to 18:00 UTC. Spot frequencies to be used are: SSB - 7.063, 14.147, 18.133, 21.253 and 24.953 MHz (+/- 10kHz for QRM); CW - 7.003, 10.103, 14.003, 18.073, 21.003 and 24.893 MHz (+/- 10kHz for QRM); For comprehensive details of QSL information etc., please check 8Q7AK on QRZ.com. All QSL's should be sent via the bureau or direct to G7COD. Please note: 8Q7AK is approved for DXCC credits. [Pete's DX Newsdesk]

12/01/2009: Peter, EA5GVH will be on vacation to the island of Aruba (SA-036, also count for WLOTA LH-0033) between January 12th and 28th. He will be QRV as P40PZ on 80-6 meters using mainly digital modes (PSK, Olivia, FeldHell, SSTV, RTTY and others) with some SSB. QSL to EA5GVH direct, bureau or e-QSL. [NG3K]

12/01/2009: The Japy DX Group are planning an operation in Bahia (WW Loc. HH18FD), Brazil, devoted to Transatlantic Tropo Ducting events between Africa and America, following the main expedition of V5/KT6Q. QRV January 12-17th using the call sign PY6/PY2ENO on 50, 144 and 432 MHz using SSB, CW, and Digital modes (included WSJT). They will use Yaesu FT-897D and Icom IC-706MKIIG; homebrew amplifiers by PY3FF - 500W 144 MHz; Mirage B1010 100W 432 MHz; 7 elements KLM 6M 7LD horizontally polarized for 50MHz, 12 elements K1FO by PY2NI horizontally polarized for 144MHz and 22 elements K1FO by PY2NI horizontally polarized for 432MHz. Further information can be found at: transatlantic.japydx.org/ . About Bahia operation with photos and map (in english): www.japydx.org/ta/bahia2.html [N8OFS]

12/01/2009: Steve, G3ZVW will be active again as ZD8N from Ascension Island (AF-003) from January 12-27th. Activity will be on CW, RTTY and SSB, mainly on the HF bands (30-10 meters). QSLs direct or via bureau to G3ZVW. [425 DX News]

15/01/2009: Chris (ex-5U5U) expects to start activity from the Central African Republic (requested call TL0A) around January 15th. He will operate in his spare time, with an amplifier and a 6-band yagi, plus dipoles and a long wire. QSL to Christian Saint Arroman, Chemin de Mouteguy, 64990 Urcuit, France. [425 DX News]

16/01/2009: Tom, DL2RMC will be active holiday-style from Senegal as 6W/DL2RMC, or a 6V call, from January 16-29th, including an entry in the CQWW DX CW 160m Contest (January 23-25th). Look for activity on all bands and modes, with focus on low bands. QSL via DL1RTL. [NG3K]

16/01/2009: Yoshi, JE2EHP, will be active as K1HP/KH2 from Guam Island (OC-026, USi GU-003S, WLOTA LH-0064) between January 16-19th. Activity will be on all HF bands and 6m, using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL is via bureau to his home call sign JE2EHP. [OPDX Bulletin]

16/01/2008: The expedition to St. Martin's Island (AS-127, WLOTA LH-2351), Bangladesh, is scheduled to take place January 16-22nd. The operators will be Rabby/S21RC, Manju/S21AM, Lal/S21DM and Sohel/S21S, and they plan to be active on 80-10 meter SSB and RTTY (sorry - no 30 meters). QSL via EB7DX, direct only. Further information can be found at: s2iota.eb7dx.com/ [NG3K]

16/01/2009: Mike/JA6EGL (T88SM), Yas/JA6UBY (T88CP), Yu/JE6DND (T88HK) and Hiro/JA6KYU (T88HS) will be active from Koror Island, Palau Islands (OC-009), from January 16-18th. They plan to operate CW and SSB on 80-10 meters. QSL via home calls, direct only. [425 DX News]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

14/02/2009: February 14 for one week - including ARRL DX CW contest - to Grenada, Nicaragua. Stan/AC8W, Hank/K8DD, Jim/N8TXZ and Lee/N8LJ. QSL via info on QRZ.com. Calls will either be H7/homecall or YN2 calls. TBA. Emphasis on 160m, 80m and WARC. [K1XN]

21/02/2009: John, K6AM will be active from Savannah, Grand Cayman Island (NA-016, WLOTA LH-1042) as ZF2AM during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd) as a

Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL to home call via direct, bureau and LoTW. [NG3K]

21/02/2009: Operators Jacky/ZL3CW, Aki/ZL1GO, Romeo/ZL2RU and Ken/ZL1AIH will be active as ZM1A from the north island of New Zealand (OC-036, WLOTA LH-0069) for the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd) as Multi-Single entry. QSL via ZL1AMO. [NG3K]

07/03/2009: Jacky/ZL3CW, Aki/ZL1GO, Romeo/ZL2RU and Ken/ZL1AIH will be active from New Zealand (OC-036, WLOTA LH-0069) as ZM1A during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 07-08th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via ZL1AMO. [NG3K]

21/07/2009: NOTE CHANGE OF ISLAND - The same group that activated Chuginadak Island (NA-234) is now planning to activate Ogliuga Island (NA-233, Grid AO52) in the Delarof Islands Group next year between July 21 and August 3, 2009. Jeff Williams with USFWS (KL2HD) suggested to land on Ogliuga instead of Goreloi due to much better camping spot and portion of it not wilderness, so generator can be used. Call sign will be KL7RRC. Activity is planned for all bands 160-6 meters. QSL Manager and full operator list TBC nearer the date. Look for details on: www.na-234.com/contact_chuginadak_expedition.html [N8OFS]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

10/01/2009: Special event station NI6IW can again be heard from the USS MIDWAY radio room on January 10, 2009 from 1700Z - 0059Z. Aircrafts from USS MIDWAY flew the initial air strikes of operation Desert Storm. This was the final combat mission for USS MIDWAY. NI6IW will be operating on the following HF bands: SSB - 14.320 and 7.250 MHz; CW - 14.060 and 7.055 MHz; PSK31 - 7.070 - 7.080 MHz; RTTY - 7.080 and 14.080 MHz. QSL: SASE to USS MIDWAY Museum Radio Room, 910 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101 or email af6ha at yahoo.com

15/01/2009: Special event station 8N8TKS will be aired from the middle of January until May 24th for the 51st JARL Annual General Meeting in Kushiro(-city): "Tancho (or Japanese Crane) Kushiro(-city) Sokai (or General Meeting)"). Kushiro-city is famous for Japanese crane. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

U.S.A. Special event station information can be found at: www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

08/01-18/01 TS7C: Jazirat Sherki (Chergui Is) WLOTA:3459 QSL F4EGD (b)
09/01-11/01 ED7TV: Rota (New) WLOL:SPA-085 QSL EA7TV (d/b)
09/01-11/01 ED7TV: Rota (Old) WLOL:SPA-339 QSL EA7TV (d/b)
11/01-27/01 8Q7AK: Male Atoll WLOTA:3911 QSL G7COD (d/b)
12/01-28/01 P40PZ: Aruba Island WLOTA:0033 QSL EA5GVH (d/b/e-QSL)
15/01-24/05 8N8TKS: Hokkaido WLOTA:2967 QSL JARL Buro
16/01-19/01 K1HP/KH2: Guam Island WLOTA:0064 QSL JE2EHP (b)
16/01-22/01 S21XXX: St. Martin's Island WLH:S2-002, WLOL:BAN-006 WLOTA:2351, Admiralty F1057 QSL TBA

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U.S. COUNTIES (USA-CA) -

10/01/2009: Terry, WQ7A (Marac R-3021) and XYL will make the attempt to get to San Juan county, State of Washington, on January 10th. 150 miles to the ferry dock. Ferry leaves at 1840z. Yawn. QRV usual county hunters' frequencies, SSB only. Hope to work y'all. Good Luck. Send email requests to wq7a at arrl.net [County Hunter Web]

11/01/2009: Bob, N4XML/m has planned this trip to help a few finish up the State of South Carolina on January 11th. He will also have on request the call sign 'W4GS' which is his club call sign and Bob is the trustee Therefore I am good for 1 Star, Bingo and Masters Gold. Bob is having problems listing the counties he plans on running, so email him and he will send you a word document of his trip. He plans to run 40, 20 and 80 meters, as it will be late when he finishes up the run. If the broadcast stations interfere he will move up or down frequency. Bob has emailed those on this sites special needs list so if you need any of these and you do

not have them listed you may want to drop him an email with your phone number and he will make an extra effort to contact you. Send email requests to n4xml at sc.rr.com [County Hunter Web]
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SIX METERS & UP -

- Frank, DL8YHR, plans his next expedition towards ASIA for end of March, begin of April... Frank and an other friend will try to setup 50, 144 and 432 MHz EME Stations and as well a 160m Rig. More infos will follow as soon as all details fixed here at: www.mmmonvhf.de/latest.php?id=2195 [MMMonVHF]

- Multi-op station N3NGE located near Morgantown, PA will be active for the January VHF Contest on bands 6 thru 10G with lots of power and big and high antennas. FN20bd We will also be operating WSJT on 6 and 2 meters during the wee hours of Sunday Morning. Skeds are welcome (K3EGE at aol.com). [N8OFS]

- The January VHF contest is looming in the near future. We will be operating the K5QE contest station for the entire contest (assuming that we can come up with enough operators....HI). Date and Contest Period: The date will be announced annually by the ARRL but will generally be the third or fourth weekend in January. Begins 1900 UTC Saturday, ends 0359 UTC Monday (January 17-19, 2009). Read all in details: http://www.mmmonvhf.de/latest.php?id=2204 [MMMonVHF]

06/01-15/01 A35RS: Tonga (OC-045) 2M Grid:AG28HV low power, holiday-style QLS ZL1RS (d/b)

07/01-15/01 V5/KT6Q: Namibia EME 6M & Up + Sat; 50MHz 6M7JHV 1kW QSL HB9Q (d)

12/01-17/01 PY6/PY2ENO: Bahia Grid:HH18FD 6-70cm Transatlantic Tropo QSL Op's Info

12/01-17/01 GG87xc: 50/144/432 MHz : Now we have more than one portable station devoted to Transatlantic tests between Africa and America. The location is GG87xc in Cabo Frio, Rio de Janeiro, from January 12-17th. More information at: transatlantic.japydx.org [N8OFS]

16/01-19/01 K1HP/KH2: Guam OC-026 6M Grid:QK23 CW/SSB/RTTY QSL JE2EHP (b)

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at: http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated January 07, 2009)
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QSL INFO -

Operation approved for DXCC Credit:

T61AA - Afghanistan

The license for this operation has been updated. Anyone having this operation rejected recently can send an e-mail to dxcc at arrl.org to be placed on the list for an update.

73 es DX!
Bill Moore NC1L
Awards Branch Manager

As of 31.12.2008 HB9CRV is no longer the QSL manager of CT3BX. No new QSL manager has been nominated. Logs are closed. [K1XN]

Online log search for the ZD8UW Ascension Island DXpedition can be found at: http://clublog.g7vjr.org/l.php?log=ZD8UW

PIRATE: Arik, 5X1AB went QRT on Oct 9, 2008. His QSL manager Phil, K6EID states that he got several QSL request for QSOs made after this date. Meanwhile Arik confirmed that he did NOT make these QSOs himself. [DX Newsletter]

QSLs received Bureau - None to report :o(

QSLs received Direct - 4J4K (via 4J4C), 5H3VMB (via UA4WHX), 5N/LZ1QK (via LZ1CL), 5R8VB (via UA4WHX), 5X1VB (via UA4WHX), 7Q7VB (via UA4WHX), 9J2VB (via UA4WHX), 9Q1D (via SM5BFJ), 9U0VB (via UA4WHX), 9X0VB (via UA4WHX), C6AKX (via WA4WTG), C6ATA (via WA4WTG), C91R (via CT1BXT), CN2B (via OH2BH), CU2X (via OH2BH), D60VB (via UA4WHX), ER0WW (via UT3UA), J20VB (via UA4WHX), K7A [NA-042, NA-241] (via K6HFA), OA4BHY/2 [SA-075] (via DL2JRM), OJ0B (via OH2BH), OJ0J (via OH2BH), P29VLR (via SM6CVX), UA9MA (via Direct), V73NS, VK1ANU/5 [OC-139], XW1B (via E21EIC), YU8/OH2R (via OH2BH), Z2/UA4WHX (via UA4WHX), ZA0/I0SNY [EU-169] (via I0SNY), ZK3MW (via DJ7RJ)

QSLs received LoTW - ER0WW, H44MY, PZ5RA, XV4BM, ZD8UW

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SILENT KEYS -

Prof. Olavo Rufino, PY5BAZ became Silent Key December 18, 2008 at the age of 74.

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BITS & PIECES -

5X - UGANDA

Peter, 5X4X is working as a development aid worker in Arua/Uganda until June 2009. He uses a Yaesu FT-950 (100 watts), a spiderbeam for 20m/17m/15m/12m/10m pointing to Europe mostly and a Zepp antenna for 40m. Peter complains that a pirate abuses his call sign on 40m, 80m and 160m. If you make any contacts with him in the evening hours you should be aware that the power line in Arua is cut after 2000 UTC. The QSL manager for Peter is DF5GQ. [DX Newsletter]

CO - CUBA (NA-015)

Eduardo, CO8LY is working in PKS31, RTTY, CW and SSB on all bands and appreciates any skeds via his e-mail: co8ly at frcscu.ciges.inf.cu His QSL manager is EA7ADH, who confirms only direct unfortunately.

The EPC WW DX Contest Comittee would like to invite you to participate in the 1st EPC WW DX Contest that will take place from 12.00UTC on 31 January untill 12.00 UTC February 1st, in BPSK125.

All information is on: www.epcwwdx.srars.org/

Please join us with your participation, and also we would require your help in promoting this event to all your Amateur Radio friends.

We would like to wish you all Happy New Year 2009

Luis - CT3EE - EPC #278

On the occasion of 21st World Handball Championship in Croatia - 2009 Croatian Amateur Radio Association, in order to promote sports and amateur radio in Croatia, issuing special award under the name:

MEN's WORLD HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CROATIA 2009

Award is available to all amateur radio and SWL stations that in the period from 1st January until 1st February 2009 establish certain number of QSOs with special stations from 7 cities in which will be held 21st World Handball Championship for men as follows: Zagreb, Varazdin, Osijek, Porec, Pula, Zadar and Split.

All modes of operation are allowed: CW, SSB, DIGITAL, MIX.

For the award it is necessary to work just one special station in each city on any band.

Special stations from before mentioned cities will operate under following call signs:

ZAGREB - 9A2009ZG
VARAZDIN - 9A2009VZ
OSIJEK - 9A2009OS

PORE? - 9A2009PO
PULA - 9A2009PU
ZADAR - 9A2009ZD
SPLIT - 9A2009ST

Award is divided in 3 categories:

Bronze
- it is necessary to make QSOs with 3 stations.

Silver
- it is necessary to make QSOs with 5 stations.

Gold
- it is necessary to make QSOs with all 7 stations.

It isn't necessary to have QSL cards to get the award in any category.

Request award with fee in amount of 10 Euro or 10 USD included must be sent no later than 31st December 2009 to the following address:

HRVATSKI RADIO AMATERSKI SAVEZ
(award manager)
Dalmatinska 12
HR - 10000 ZAGREB
CROATIA - HRVATSKA

For all QSOs with special stations QSL cards will be sent through the bureau automatically.

RUSSIA: Castles on the Air Award (COTA-RU)
Full information and rules, in both Russian and English language, can be found at:
www.rz1cwc.qrz.ru/ [RN1CW]

DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND, THE OLD BARNEY ARC HAS DECIDED TO EXTEND THE N2OB/150 AND N2OB/LH SPECIAL EVENT OPERATION THROUGH MARCH 31, 2009.

HERE IS THE PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR REFERENCE WITH CORRECTED DATES.

MEMBERS OF THE OLD BARNEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB www.obarc.org WILL BE OPERATING AS N2OB/150 (or N2OB/LH) STARTING AT 0000 UTC DEC 27, 2008 THROUGH 2359 UTC MARCH 31, 2009. OPERATION WILL BE ON ALL BANDS AND MODES AVAILABLE. THIS WILL BE TO CELEBRATE THE RELIGHTING AND THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BARNEGAT LIGHTHOUSE (NICKNAMED "OLD BARNEY"). YES, "OLD BARNEY" WAS OFFICIALLY RELIT ON JANUARY 1, 2009 , WHICH WAS THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF IT'S ORIGINAL LIGHTING (JAN 1, 1859). THE LIGHTHOUSE WAS OFFICIALLY SHUT DOWN IN 1944 AND BECAME A STATE PARK IN 1957. SINCE THAT TIME, ONLY A 250 WATT LIGHT WAS LIT FOR AESTHETICS ONLY. ON JAN 1ST, A NEW LIGHT WITH A NEW FRESNEL LENS WAS LIGHTED AND OLD BARNEY ONCE AGAIN IS AN OFFICIAL (PRIVATE) NAVIGATIONAL AID. See http://www.southjersey.com/articles/?articleid=19695 for info on the relighting. N2OB/150 STATIONS WILL BE OPERATING FROM VARIOUS LOCATIONS AROUND "OCEAN COUNTY". SOME OPERATIONS FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE PROPERTY MAY BE POSSIBLE AND WILL USE N2OB/LH WHICH WILL COUNT FOR WORKING THE LIGHTHOUSE AND IOTA NA-111. A NICE COLOR PHOTO QSL IS BEING PLANNED SHOWING THE RELIGHTING OF THE LIGHTHOUSE. QSL VIA N2OB (SASE REQUESTED) OR DX STATIONS VIA BUREAU IS OK. [N2OO]
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
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Contest Calendar - DX Calendar - Lighthouse Activations
Join ICPO e-Group: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/icpo_mail.html
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